

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. A-67724-8/RFT/JJD

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

CARL T. WITTWER, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/132,156

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For: METHOD FOR RAPID
THERMAL CYCLING OF
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: J. Ludlow

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 1999. It is submitted with a request for a three month extension of time and requisite fee, making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-67724-8/RFT/JJD).

Please enter the amendments below and consider the remarks that follow.

In the Claims:

30. (Amended) An improved method of amplifying a nucleic acid sequence by thermal cycling of the nucleic acid sequence in the presence of a thermostable DNA polymerase, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) placing a biological sample comprising said nucleic acid sequence in a [capillary vessel] sample holding structure:

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